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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any task force has visited US, Norway, Canada, Australia and the UK to study the power markets in these countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the outcome of the visit;

(c) the extent to which US and other countries have decided to jointly work out the establishment of power exchanges; and

(d) the extent to which these exchanges by the task force has helped India to achieve goal and self-sufficiency in the power sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED)

(a) to (d) : An initiative has been taken to examine various issues related to feasibility of wholesale power exchange at national level in India and to develop a Detailed Project Report for the same through a consortium of consultants viz. M/s. CRISIL and M/s. NordPool Consulting Norway.

In this regard, a Core-Team (with representatives from Ministry of Power, Central Electricity Authority (CEA), POWERGRID, NTPC and Power Trading Corporation of India Ltd. (PTC) has been constituted to interact with the Consultants.

A team of representatives from Ministry of Power, CEA, POWERGRID, NTPC and PTC visited Norway, Netherlands, Canada, USA and Australia in the first fortnight of April, 2005 to study power markets in these countries.

The visit has helped in the study of distinctive features of the various markets visited and identification of key issues to be addressed in the development of an appropriate model for a power exchange in India, which will provide a transparent and neutral platform for promoting competition in supply of electricity at wholesale level and thus improving efficiency in power sector.